

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 0022 as follows:

[0022] Using its (non-public) private key 103 as well as the public key 108 of the software signature site 103, the trust center 101 generates the software signature certificate 120. This software signature certificate 120 includes in particular the public key 108 (e.g., a third public key) of the software signature site 105, preferably one or more validity restrictions (not shown), and a signature 121 (e.g., a third signature) generated by the trust center 101. The signature permits checking as to whether the certificate has been changed or manipulated since its "signing" or signature.

Please amend paragraph 0025 as follows:

[0025] Using its private or secret key 109 and the software 113, the software signature site 105 generates a signature 114 by means of which it can be checked by the control unit (in particular, a program-controlled microprocessor that executes a computer program product sequence) whether the software 113 has been changed after its signing by means of the signature 114.